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Mrs. Sharpe's Lecture.

On Saturday afternoon, April 11, the college had the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Sharpe, Dr. Edward Everett Hale's "African Apostle," speak on her work in Liberia. Dr. Hale himself introduced Mrs. Sharpe, speaking briefly of the place of her work in the future of Africa and of the needs of the school.

Mrs. Sharpe, he said, had gone out to Africa, a graduate of one of the Boston High Schools, and, after many difficulties, had succeeded in establishing a small school in Liberia for the education of the native girls. It was only a beginning, indeed, part school, part hotel, part nursery, part church, for the children of the "bush country," but it had gained the respect and interest of the people and had proved itself worth while. Now, Mrs. Sharpe needed a new building, not a Rockefeller Hall, but a simple ten thousand-dollar structure, and it was only through the interest of the people of this country that the education of the little African princesses could go on.

In sketching her work among the Liberians, Mrs. Sharpe spoke of the character of the native African. It was for her, she said, to speak of the good qualities of the people—we already knew their more unpleasant characteristics. She told of the hospitality of the Africans, the generous spirit which would prompt them to share the little that they had with a stranger, the great respect which they had for good, honest work, and the love of the parents for their children.

In a simple and delightful way, Mrs. Sharpe described the daily life at the school with its prayer, morning and evening, and its round of study, play and housework. It was work done with many limitations, under many difficulties, but it was teaching the girls to take care of themselves and was making for character.

After the lecture, a reception was held in the Faculty Parlor, at which all were given an opportunity to meet Dr. Hale and Mrs. Sharpe.

Professor Palmer's Lectures.

The course of lectures on the "Nature of Goodness" which ended last Friday evening has more than fulfilled the promise of interest which so many of us found in the synopsis posted on the bulletin board of the Philosophy Department early in the second semester. The lectures were given by Professor George H. Palmer of Harvard University, and, while they were arranged as a part of the regular course in ethics given at Wellesley. All members of the college were invited to attend. No words of encomium could so well express the general appreciation and interest as did the constantly increasing numbers who found in Professor Palmer's words not merely an interesting exposition of certain moot questions in the realm of ethics, but a possible guide in the conduct of life.

Taking as the general subject of the series "The Nature of Goodness," Professor Palmer worked out for his hearers a scheme of advance in the conception of goodness, ranging from the idea of goodness implied in such general expressions as 'a good table,' 'good weather'—the goodness of the inanimate and material world into which no consciousness enters, to that phase of goodness where the individual, through the acquisition of self-consciousness with the abundant peculiar processes of self-direction and self-development, has reached the height at which the sacrifice of self *for another* has come to be the most perfect form of self-assertion.

Not the "glorious madness," but the perfect rationality, of self-sacrifice, was the message Professor Palmer left with his hearers. Whatever may be the individual opinion concerning the various stages of development of which he treated or the doctrines he employed to build up his system, the lectures must long be remembered by all who attended them, as one of the great pleasures of the year. L. H.

Twelfth Night.

Wellesley gave the boys of Dennison House a very enthusiastic reception at their presentation of "Twelfth Night" at the Barn, Saturday evening. The Boston Chapter of College Settlement is peculiarly near and dear to us as a college, and the work of Dennison House is always of much interest to Wellesley. No less is the college held in especial favor by the boys of Dennison House and the visit to Wellesley is regarded by them as one of the great events of the year.

The play was presented by the Dennison Dramatic Club, one of the boys' clubs, which has for its especial work the study and acting out of good dramas. The work of each year is summed up in the spring by the production of a play, the proceeds of which are devoted half to the needs of the club, half to the Industrial classes of the Association.

Since Christmas the club has been hard at work on "Twelfth Night." Although having the ordinary assistance of a coach, the chief management of the play and all of the original work were in the hands of the boys themselves. The result was a most creditable production. Some of the parts were given with considerable vigour and appreciation, those of Viola, Sir Toby Belch, and Malvolio especially calling forth decided applause.

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Much has been said and written concerning Student Government meetings and the editors wish to add a few words. The changes, recently proposed, have much to recommend them and every girl should give the subject serious consideration.

We know that it is possible to gather together enough students for the transaction of business. We remember the large and enthusiastic audience of the first meeting of the year—True, we were not so busy then as now, but, were it possible for such a meeting to come later in the year, it would doubtless be well attended. We were all greatly interested in that first meeting and we went without urging.

Many of us remember another meeting called last May for discussion of the candidates for president of the Association. That was a long meeting held in the evening in hot weather at one of the busiest times of the year, yet there was no difficulty in securing a quorum.

We condemn the spirit of girls who show no interest in Student Government and do nothing to support it; yet the attitude of some of us who go voluntarily to the meetings is hardly praiseworthy. Many of us feel that we are fulfiling a duty; we go peremptorily without a sense of the privilege which is ours. We ought to be glad of the chance to give some slight support to the Association; to show in some degree our appreciation of the good it does; to help in its work in the way that is open to us all.

It seems strange that we do not realize that the ordinary business meetings are as important and significant as the one or two special meetings which come during the year. Our interest, enthusiasm and loyalty are apparent only at rare intervals; they ought to be at high-water mark every day.

How can we account for the lack of these qualities evident in so many of us? In most cases, we believe loyalty to other interests is placed first, instead of subordinated, and prevents our giving what we really feel and know we owe to our own governing body.

The editors believe that with a regular meeting known to take place at a stated time, other interests would be set aside, our latent loyalty would be quickened and stimulated, and "adjournment for lack of a quorum" would be heard of no more.

For the convenience of contributors and editors we announce in this number the names of those members of the Board to whom notes and articles are to be sent. All articles must be in the hands of the editors by Friday noon of each week.

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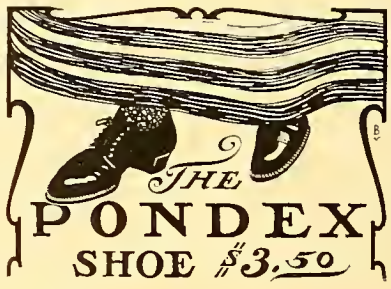

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Monday, April 20, at 7.45, P.M., in College Hall chapel, lecture by Dr. Gary N. Calkins of Columbia University on "Metabolism of the Cell and Protoplasmic Old Age in Paramoecium"

Thursday, April 23, mid-week meeting of Christian Association Subject, "The Christian's Heritage."

Friday, April 24, lecture by Prof. Anna A. Cutler before the Philosophy Club.

Sunday, April 26, services in Houghton Memorial chapel. Sermon by Rev. Charles F. Carter of Lexington.

7.30, P.M., musical vespers.

Monday, April 27, concert in College Hall chapel.

Sunday, May 3, services in Houghton Memorial chapel. Sermon by Professor Francis Brown of the Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Monday, May 4, lecture by Professor Coman.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Last Wednesday at the Shakespeare House, Miss Hart held a reception in honor of Mrs. J. G. Thorp of Cambridge. Members of English 6 and the Shakespeare Society were invited. Mrs. Thorp gave an interesting account of the visit of the Longfellow family to the Ojibways and read brief descriptive passages from her father's poem, "Hiawatha."

The Faculty Science Club met Tuesday, April fourteenth, and listened to a lecture by Dr. Cooley on Forestry. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views.

Miss Stevens of Columbia has been visiting Miss Breyfogle.

Messrs. Curtis and Cameron, publishers of the Copley Prints, have kindly lent the English Department a complete set of the largest size reproductions of the Abbey Holy Grail pictures. Miss Hart has been lecturing to some of the Freshmen divisions on the use which Mr. Abbey made in these pictures of material treated by Tennyson and by Wagner.

Last week Miss Langford took the Physics 3 class to visit the photometry room of the Boston Gas Company.

Miss Alice Chapman, '04, is confined to the College Hospital with pneumonia.

Miss Elizabeth Campbell, '02, is here for a few weeks.

The students in Zoology 2 went on a zoological excursion to Nahant on last Monday.

It was reported that an English turf track for Hurdling and Running is to be built. The report was evidently well grounded for the workmen are actually busy on the construction of such a track on the Playground at the present time.

Miss Baker, of the class of 1902, who was ill so long in the hospital last year, has returned to receive her degree with the class of 1903.

Miss Helen Manatt, '03, has had her sister visiting her for a few days. The latter expects to enter Wellesley with the class of 1908.

On Thursday, April 16, the first half of the Christian Association meeting was devoted to business. Three new members were received, after which the meeting was given into the hands of the Correspondence Committee. Some very interesting letters were read from Associations in other colleges, and from Miss Chandler of India.

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I.

How many girls have read the little notice on the library door? At least nine-tenths of us have read the words to the effect that during the hours when the library is crowded, those girls who are not using the library books are kindly requested to study elsewhere. Of course, College Hall chapel is not, owing to its lack of tables, so comfortable and convenient as the library. College Hall chapel is not, however, the only place which can be used as a study room. There is the Philosophy Library on the fifth floor; there is the Economics Library on the first floor; and there are always several vacant recitation rooms on the floors between. Surely those girls who must work in the library should have preference in the matter of light, chairs and desk-room. We often forget, when we are hunting for a place in which to work in peace and quiet, that perhaps we are crowding out, or at least making uncomfortable, those girls who have first claims upon the library. We might reconcile ourselves to keeping away during busy hours by making up our minds that some other room, though less inspiring, would serve almost as well for a temporary work-shop.

II.

We all heartily approve of "1903's" suggestion, that each month some afternoon be set aside for a regular meeting of the Student Government Association. Our gymnastic instructors, crew, captains, and heads of sports could then plan beforehand the appointments for that week, and the present condition of half attendance in both gymnastic class and association meeting would be remedied.

In the meantime, why not have the notices of the meetings made larger and more striking? Call them "posters" if you like, but the small, written notice is often overlooked when several papers are pinned upon the board. A conspicuous notice would deprive the careless or forgetful girl of her oft repeated excuse for absence, "I didn't see," and attendance at the meetings would increase.

But "1903" also suggests fining, which is wholly contrary to to the spirit of Student Government. A quorum does not mean a roomful of girls, who have reluctantly come there to avoid being fined. A quorum means that at least one-third of the student body appreciates its privilege of self government, and comes to the meeting to take an active part in its legislative affairs. If there is besides the careless girl, and the girl who could not come, still a third, the girl who does not care to come to our meetings, then a system of fines will not create in her a spirit of interest and loyalty. Such a girl forms no true part of our association. She belongs to the old order of things, and she should be placed under faculty government. M. N. B.

III.

Independence of thought! That theme has been played on until we are almost as sick of it as we are of bleak rooms, and introspective chatter. We have been told that we ought to be able to "go ahead," independently, to hunt up what wisdom we can concerning the matter, and put it into what shape we choose, and a dozen other admonitions, ending as usual with the plaint that we must remember that we have the name and honor of college women to uphold. Now isn't there another side to this tale of woe? Not that any of us would seek to depreciate the inestimable value of independent, scholarly work, on the contrary, we all regard it with awe as the goal of our ambition; but possibly all the blame need not be thrown on our shoulders. There are dozens and dozens of girls here who would be glad enough to have a piece of work given them and do it as seemed wisest and most profitable, but how often have these adventurous and daring spirits had a paper of this kind returned with a criticism like this—"An excellent paper in many ways, but you have not taken the point of view I had in mind. Rewrite." Discouraging, isn't it, and the chances are that next time the adventurous student consults her instructor at every step, getting a better criticism, probably, but at the sacrifice of her independence of thought. 1903.

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The Easter Services.

For the first time in years, Easter Sunday came in term time. The day was bright and mild and although many of the girls were away, the chapel was filled at both services. Dr. Lyman Abbott was the preacher for the day. The text of the morning sermon was 1 Corinthians 15::20. "But now is Christ Risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." We sometimes complain because we cannot go to church in Boston on Sunday, but that seems thoughtless when we reflect that we have the opportunity of hearing many of the best preachers in the country in our own chapel. Certainly we could ask for nothing more uplifting than our Easter sermon from Dr. Abbott

At the evening service Dr. Abbott delivered a short address, urging the need of learning faith in youth. The music was very beautiful, the special feature being a cantata written by Charles Fonteyn Manney, giving the story of the Resurrection; the solo parts were taken by singers from Boston.

By far the finest and most ambitious piece of work Professor Macdougall has ever had sung here was the anthem "O Sing Unto the Lord"; it is wonderfully musical and rises to splendid heights. The choir did it full justice.

The Legenda Board.

The Junior Class met last Friday, April 17, to elect their Legenda Board for next year.

The results were as follows:

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"Here they are. We'll have a lot more than all the other birds put together. Jenny Wren has seen the grandest lot, but she is so discouragingly smart."

"Sh—What's this one coming all alone? You look it up while I jot down the characteristics—General coloring, dark; crown, a mass of rumpled hair; two worry lines on forehead; shoulders, stooped; gait, aimless; habits solitary. Have you found it?"

"Yes. It's the Awful Worker, commonly called grind. Is found in the east from September to June. Is rather rare and of solitary habits. Very little song."

"Mark it down. Aren't you tickled to death to have seen it—so rare, you know. Wouldn't it be the grandest luck if we could see one of those faculty people, but they keep pretty close to their homes, I guess."

"Yes, I've heard, too, that some of them have protective coloration—look just like the student people and are often seen with them."

"Here comes a flock of something. Keep still, Creeper."

"I know them. They're athletes. See—'general coloring dark blue; hair braided and extending down the back; face, flushed; bodies, erect; gait, a quick trot. Often seen in flocks in the vicinity of Wellesley. Song not frequent, but when assembled in large flocks, they have been known to give off short, excited cries, "rah, rah, rah!" Seem to be much admired by other species.'"

"Look, Hatchy. Here are some others."

"Where? Oh, yes, I see. They are two different species, aren't they? One is this awfully common kind, the Ordinary Mortal, but I've never seen the other before. Just listen to it sing. A steady stream and repeating frequently the notes "I—I—I" and "easy, easy easy."

"I know. That song is a characteristic of the Boastful Shark. There is also another family, the Modest Shark, which has a little low song. Both families are supposed to have great intellect, and are found in some numbers near Wellesley. They are thought to have a depressing effect on other species, especially Ordinary Mortals."

"Say, Creeper, it's getting kind of dark. We had better be looking for dinner, hadn't we?"

"I suppose we had, but there is one kind that comes out about this time that I should love to see—the Biologist, they call it. It is awfully easy to distinguish for it has a characteristic habit of looking up in the trees through some black looking processes, craning its neck, and whispering excitedly, and then sh—ing. They are spring arrivals and very plenty now."

"Look out! There are two now. Mercy, Creeper, they're pointing that thing right at us! I can feel the feathers rise on my back. What shall we do?"

"And they're calling us by name. Horrors! What liberties! Let us take to our wings"

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Ruth B. Hume,'97, has just been appointed a missionary of the American Board of Foreign Missions with designation to the Marathi Mission, India. Miss Hume graduated from the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia last June and is now acting as interne in the New England Hospital, Boston.

Mrs. Ilione Woodbury Myers, '94-'96, has recently moved to Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Mrs. Sara Dewing Folsom, '89-'91, has just graduated from Amherst Agricultural College.

Miss Gertrude Barker, '95, who is teaching in the High School in Plattsburg, New York. has been visiting the college this week as the guest of Miss March, '95.

Miss Constance Emerson, '96, who has been engaged this winter in College Settlement work in Boston, has returned to her home in Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Miss Erminia M. Whitney, 1901, is teaching in Northfield Seminary, Northfield, Massachusetts.

Miss Alexandra McG. Gamble, 1902, is at home in Plattsburg, New York.

Miss Alice R. Jackson, '01. who has recently been a graduate student at Columbia University, will in September, assume charge of the school in South Orange, New Jersey, which has formerly been conducted by Miss Baldwin and Miss Nelden.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary L. Pierce, '99, to Mr. Edward M. Ducher.

BIRTHS.

March, 1903, at Wellesley Hills, a son to Mrs. Bertha Morrill Ames, '95.

April 7, 1903, at New York city, a son to Mrs. Ethel Stanwood Meyer, '83-'85.

April 8, 1903, at Brooklyn, New York, a son, Herbert Kenaston, Jr., to Mrs. Mary Edwards Twichell, '89.

DEATHS.

March 10, 1903, at St. Louis, Missouri, Mrs. C. A. McNair, mother of Louise McNair, '96.

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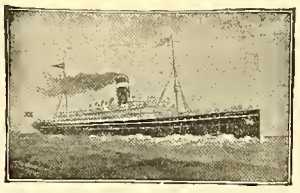

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NEW BOOKS.

Hereafter, a list of the new books added to the college library will be published each week in the News. Since April 10, 1903, the following works have been added to the library.

Annals of the Astronomy-Observatory of Harvard University, 1900-1902.

Dona Perpecta, B. P. Galdos.

Publications of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, 1898-1902.

Phillips Brooks, Wm. Lawrence, D.D.

Ferns and Fern Allies, Raynal Dodge.

Appleton's Annual Cyclopedia, 1903.

Annual Literary Index, 1903.

English Catalogue of Books, 1903.

Paolo and Francesca, Stephen Phillips.

Poems, Stephen Phillips

Text book of Field Astronomy, G. C. Comstock.

Advanced Physiography, J. Thornton.

Mechanics, W. W. F. Pullen.

Laboratory Text Book of Embryology, C. S. Minot.

Principles of Inorganic Chemistry, W. Ostwald.

The Frogs, Aristophanes.

Oeuvres, Rene Descartes.

Notions Fondaments, Ch. Mouren.

Talks to Students on the Art of Study, Frank Cramer.

Many of the annual reports of United States Government and of the various States have been received by the Economics' Library during the past week.

Musical Notes.

TWENTY-THIRD REHEARSAL AND CONCERT OF THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Friday Afternoon, April 24, at 2.30 o'clock.
Saturday evening, April 25, at 8.00 o'clock.

PROGRAMME.

Beethoven.....Symphony No. 1 in C major
Wieniawski.....“Faust” Fantasie for Violin
Smetana.....Symphonic Poem, “Richard III”
(First time.)
Mendelssohn.....Overture, “Ruy Blas”

Soloist:
Mr. Adolf Bak.

Theatrical Notes.

BOSTON THEATRE—The Bostonians in “Robin Hood.”

COLONIAL THEATRE—“The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast.”

HOLLIS-STREET THEATRE—Last week of E. H. Sothern in, “If I Were King.”

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